28 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Laurence R. Houston

SUBJECT:

Overseas Duty

- 1. This is in reply to your memorantum of 25 May 1952.
- 2. With regard to overseas duty, I am aware of the demands imposed upon this office in the scope of expanding Agency operations. I am equally susceptible to the belief that such service could prove beneficial not only to the Agency but also to the individual. My reply to your request for information is conditioned, as it must be, by respect for a number of reasons that relate to my family as well as to myself.
  - 3. To answer specifically:
    - (a) I am not prepared to volunteer at this time;
    - (b) I am reluctant to state now that I would refuse at some future time to serve overseas if specifically requested. However, with due regard for the best interests of the Agency, as well as considerations personal to my family and myself, I would consider it necessary to refuse at the moment and at any later time in the near future.

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